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Kenneth S. FRANZEL

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For: MODULE AND UNIFIED NETWORK
BACKPLANE INTERFACE FOR LOCAL
NETWORKS

Examiner: H. J. Kim

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 27, 2007 (Paper No. 20070722), for which a response was due on October 27, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 27, 2008, which is a Sunday. This response is filed on Monday, January 28, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.